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CROOKED BIDDING

ATTEMPTS MADE TO GET LARGE AMOUNTS OF WAR BONDS.

NAMES BOUGHT AND FORGED

**SECRETARY GAGE HAS BEEN MAK-
ING AN INVESTIGATION.**

**Result May Be a Refusal to Issue
Bonds in All Cases Where the
Bids Are Questionable—
Many Bids Were
Fraudulent.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—A wide investigation of specious bids under the last contract for subscriptions to government bonds has been completed by Solicitor O'Connell of the treasury department, and to-day he submitted to Secretary Gage the mass of testimony on the transactions. Several thousand subscribers were examined. The facts developed show a systematic scheme operated by certain parties to secure a

The reports indicate that millions of dollars in bonds were acquired by irregular means, and that a number of New York State bonds had been sold to the public at a profit. The State Department said that the bids received from New York are shown to have been either signed by individuals who had no direct interest in them and subscribed their names simply at the request of, or in consideration of com-

Many of the bidders, it is stated, were hired to sign, and the system was carried so far, the report goes to show, that virtual agents were employed who were paid so much per subscriber, the last names merely signing his name and giving the bid with his signature to the agent or directly to the party seeking control of large amount of bonds.

Secretary Gage said to-night the investigation showed that a large amount of the bids offered were not bona fide, but this in none of the cases involved in the investigation had the bonds been issued to the bidders. He said he had no doubt, however, that, in some instances, as yet unexplained, the bonds had been issued to persons who were not the bidders. This may result in a refusal to issue the bonds in all cases found to have been illegal.

GRAND JURY AT WORK.

Has Begun the Investigation of the Dunning Candy Poisoning Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—The grand jury is investigating the Botkin poisoning case. A number of witnesses have been summoned to tell what they know of the poisoning and circumstances leading up to the arrest of Mrs. Botkin, and of occurrences since her arrest. The police, it is learned, have reason to believe that the candy was purchased in this city from

HE HAD AN EXTRA WIFE.

John R. Hull, Who Married a Kansas Girl in 1894, Convicted in Chicago of Bigamy.

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—John R. Hull was found guilty of bigamy to-day by a sealed verdict returned in Judge Chatlain's court. The jury also assessed him \$5; for which cause is not declared.

Hull has been on trial for three days. According to the finding of the jury, he married Amanda Huiss in Scott City, Kas. in 1894, and then, without the formality of

More Than \$30,000 Short.
ST. CLOUD, MINN., Sept. 1.—L. T. Troutman, secretary of the St. Cloud Mutual Building and Loan Association, according to a report which has been presented to the directors of the association by an expert accountant, is more than \$30,000 short in his accounts. It is thought a settlement will be made.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—The war department makes public the following dispatch from General Miles:

Twelve thousand troops will be left Porto Rico and nearly 4,000 infantry, cavalry and artillery sail for New York. The

Alamo, Mississippi and Manitoba. The division is under command of Major General Wilson, with Brigadier Generals Schwab, Haines and Garretson. All these officers have taken part in the different engagements and are entitled to much credit as I speak for them any consideration that can be given on their return home. The

A CHANCE FOR PATRIOTS.
Volunteers Who Want to Stay in the
Service May Join the Reg-
ulars.

the regular army up to the maximum of 61,000 men, the war department will have recruiting officers at all stations where volunteers are mustered out with a view to giving the men an opportunity to enlist in the regular service. The time which they have served in the volunteer service

No More Pensions to General Delivery
WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Commissioner of Pensions Hon. Clay H. Evans has issued an order prohibiting the sending of pension checks to "general delivery." The intention of the department is to have all such checks delivered at the individual local addresses of the pensioners.

